

Annual Report to the Board of Land Commissioners

By the
Endowment Fund Investment Board



November 18, 2008

State of Idaho Endowment Funds Financial Summary Fiscal Year 2008

Compared to the previous year:

- Total fund balances increased \$12 million, or 1%, to \$1.125 billion
- Earnings reserve balances increased \$31 million, or 20%, to a record high of \$191 million
- Receipts to Earnings Reserves from endowment lands were \$70 million, a 1.5% drop
- Distributions to beneficiaries (excluding Cap Perm) rose 7.7% to \$39 million

Total investment loss, before fees, was 2.1% for the year and average gain was 8.2% and 10.2% for the last three years and last five years, respectively.

Total EFIB expenses, including investment manager fees, were 0.38% of year-end net assets.

This is a summary of the FY2008 financial statements of the endowment funds that were distributed to the Land Board in September.

Fiscal Year 2008 Audit Summary
State of Idaho Endowment Funds
Administered by the Endowment Fund Investment Board

1. Independent Auditor's Report on the financial statements (page 1)
 - Unqualified opinion – all the assets that should be in the fund have been accounted for
2. Independent Auditor's Report on compliance and internal controls (page 28)
 - Found no items to report:
 - No instances of noncompliance with laws and regulations
 - No material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in our internal controls

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Status of compliance with Investment Policy

The Endowment Fund Investment Board maintains an Investment Policy for the overall fund and has established related contractual compliance guidelines for each investment manager.

During fiscal year 2008 there were no material violations of EFIB policies and compliance guidelines. The Investment Policy for the endowment fund was last reviewed and revised at the EFIB's February 2008 meeting.

Board meeting report

Meetings held

During the period November 2007 thru October 2008, the Endowment Fund Investment Board held:

- 4 Regular Board Meetings
- 3 Special Board Meetings
- 2 Audit Committee Meetings
- 1 Compensation Committee Meeting
- 0 Executive Committee Meetings

Attendance

For the 7 board meetings held, an average of 89% of the board members attended. Of the 9 board members, 5 members attended all meetings and no member had less than 57% attendance.

Special expertise

- A deputy attorney general representing the EFIB was present for 3 of 4 regular board meetings and 2 of the 3 special meetings.
- The board's asset consultant participated in all 7 board meetings.

Excerpt of:
Strategic Plan
FY2009 and Beyond

**Endowment Fund Investment
Board
Of the State of Idaho**



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State statute requires every agency, including the EFIB, to update their Strategic Plan annually. This an excerpt of the Mission, Goals, Objectives and performance measurement sections relevant to the management of the endowment funds

Mission of the Endowment Fund Investment Board

Provide professional investment management services to our stakeholders consistent with our constitutional and statutory mandates.

Goals

We will provide good investment advice and the tools for implementing that advice. As our clients' individual needs require, we will:

- Develop a prudent long-term investment strategy
- Select the best portfolio managers and other agents to execute that strategy
- Diligently evaluate performance over time
- Develop an effective spending policy
- Help them fulfill their fiduciary responsibilities and communicate with their stakeholders

For our employees, we will:

- Create a work environment which motivates and retains a knowledgeable and professional staff

Strategic Plan FY2009 and Beyond

Objectives

Some of the objectives of the Endowment Fund Investment Board are similar for all our clients – the endowment funds, the State Insurance Fund, the Judges' Retirement Fund, and the Ritter Island Endowment Fund, while others only apply to a specific client or our employees.

Objectives Applicable to All Clients

- Seek new approaches to improve portfolio risk/return characteristics and cost/benefit ratios
- Meet or exceed the client's fund benchmark(s)

Objectives Specific to the Endowment Funds

- Review asset allocation by November, 2008
- Avoid reductions in total endowment distributions
- Distribute approximately 5% of the three-year moving average value of the Permanent Funds
- Maintain sufficient Earnings Reserves to protect distributions from temporary shortfalls in fund returns and land revenues
- Grow distributions and the Permanent Fund faster than inflation and population growth by recommending transfer of excess Reserves to the Permanent Fund
- Increase the diversification of the endowment funds to reduce volatility of earnings while maintaining expected return
- Refine the process for granting school bond guarantees and clarify the interest rate required in statute – confer with appropriate stakeholders and prepare legislation for introduction in January 2009

Objectives for our employees:

- Build relationships with other key agencies
- Train/cross-train the Administrative Assistant, the Investment Officer, and the Senior Financial Specialist in key financial and investment due diligence tasks

Strategic Plan – Performance Measures

Performance Measure/Benchmark	2005	2006	2007	2008	4-Year Average
1. ABSOLUTE RETURN (net of fees): LAND GRANT ENDOWMENT FUND - <i>Real Return (net of inflation) greater than 4%</i>	6.2%	7.6%	13.3%	-4.7%	5.4%
2. RETURN VS. BENCHMARK (net of fees):					
LAND GRANT ENDOWMENT FUND -Total Return	9.6%	10.8%	16.2%	-2.4%	8.3%
Benchmark	8.6%	8.6%	16.7%	-6.7%	6.4%
Excess	1.0%	2.2%	-0.5%	4.5%	1.9%
<i>Exceed benchmark (56% Russell 3000, 14% MSCI EAFE, 30% Lehman Aggregate) on a risk-adjusted basis</i>					
3. RETURN VS. PEERS (gross of fees):					
LAND GRANT ENDOWMENT FUND - Total Return	9.9%	11.2%	16.6%	-2.2%	8.6%
Endowment/Foundation Universe median	9.5%	11.1%	18.1%	-4.9%	8.1%
Excess	0.4%	0.1%	-1.5%	2.7%	0.5%
<i>Exceed the median of peers on a risk adjusted basis</i>					
LAND GRANT ENDOWMENT FUND - Total Return	9.9%	11.2%	16.6%	-2.2%	8.6%
Public Funds Universe median	9.2%	10.4%	17.4%	-4.8%	7.7%
Excess	0.7%	0.8%	-0.8%	2.6%	0.9%
<i>Exceed the median of peers on a risk adjusted basis</i>					
4. CONSECUTIVE YEARS THE PUBLIC SCHOOL PERMANENT FUND IS BELOW THE LOSS BENCHMARK:					
<i>Less than 10 years below the cumulative loss benchmark</i>	5 yrs	0 yrs	0 yrs	0 yrs	
5. CHANGE IN DISTRIBUTIONS TO BENEFICIARIES:					2009: \$42.4 M.
A. <i>No reduction in the total Endowment Distribution</i>	\$37.4 M.	\$35.7 M.	\$36.2 M.	\$39.1 M.	2010: \$45.6 M.
B. <i>Land Grant Earnings Reserve at least 500% of next year's approved distribution</i>					
Number of endowments below 500%	Eight	Seven	Five	Two	
Average for all endowments	151%	278%	414%	450%	
C. <i>Growth in Land Grant Endowment distribution exceeds Inflation and Population Growth over a five year period</i>	2003-2008	2004-2009E	2005-2010E		
Average compound annual growth for all endowments					
Change in distribution	-6.4%	-4.6%	4.4%		
Inflation	3.6%	3.7%	3.7%		
Population growth	2.5%	2.5%	2.3%		
Excess	-12.5%	-10.8%	-1.6%		
6. GROWTH IN CORPUS:					
A. <i>Land Grant Endowment growth in corpus to exceed the rate of inflation and population growth</i>					
Annual growth in corpus	6.5%	8.2%	15.8%	-4.4%	6.3%
Annual rate of Inflation	3.4%	3.2%	2.9%	2.5%	3.0%
Annual population growth	2.7%	2.6%	2.5%	2.2%	2.5%
Excess	0.4%	2.4%	10.4%	-9.1%	0.8%